

**Central Valley Vision**  
**Spring 2005 Written Public Comments**  
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	Suggested Category	Remarks/area of interest
1	Interpretation/Education Cultural Landscapes	Offering assistance to create a Highway 99 audio cassette/CD for motorists traveling the Great Valley route. The substantive story (text) could be developed and written by academic historians.
2	Acquisition Cultural Resources	Suggesting 622 acre valley known as Clover Valley near Rocklin. Suggests this site for the proposed California Native American Museum.
3		"Please do whatever it takes to stop the Walmartization of this area. People need breathing space for the soul as well as the lungs, and to remember what nature looks like."
4	Acquisition Natural Resources Cultural	Include vernal pools, oak woodlands, river corridors and Sutter Buttes. Deer Creek Hills is a good model of partnering with a local land conservancy to preserve a scenic landscape. Advocate for better buffering of the park land/
5	Recreation	Keep river front areas accessible for recreation uses.
6	Acquisition	Suggesting the Department consider Clover Valley (633 acres) near Rocklin.
7	Funding	Suggesting acquisition funding mechanism: DPR to charge Indian Casinos or Sovereign Nation Property entrance fee.
8	Interpretation/Education Cultural Landscapes	Preservation of Dust Bowl history. Restoration efforts underway at the Weedpatch Camp of Grapes of Wrath fame. Group has large collection of research materials and artifacts.
9	Recreation	Increase the number of RV sites in existing parks by modernizing them to be level, long enough for the newer larger vehicles (36')?
10		There is an apparent disconnect between acquiring lands and financing their use. There should be no further purchases planned until there is money budgeted for their maintenance, and even before this, the repair and maintenance of the existing parks.
11		Recommends that the state get out of the parks business. Local counties do not have adequate dollars to develop, nor even keep their parks open. Keep the parks open that we have! Do not build more parks when local counties are unable to keep local parks open, let alone develop park land that has been purchased by the tax payers. New parks will take away property tax revenue from the counties that are need for police, fire and emergency services.
12		Use park funding to pay off State debt. State has a poor bond rating due to an immense debt.
13	Recreation	Include low-impact human activities such as hiking, day use, canoeing and kayaking. Look at the Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Tuolumne river corridors near urban centers.
14	Acquisition	Worries about south Sacramento county between I-5 and Hwy. 99. Please consider the Loma Verde and the Amherst area.
15		Is opposed to any bond measures for the benefit of additional parks in the Central Valley. Taxes are already too high and our state is in a crisis for lack of good management.
16	Funding	Pattern funding mechanisms similar to Fatjo Corporations Pacheco's Park's original endowment. Endowments managed by third parties for management, maintenance, restoration and creation of environmental, educational and recreational facilities could be a solution to some of the problems that the State is experiencing.
17	Acquisition	Consider more parks in the Mt. Oso range valley north and south of Del Puerto Valley. Behind Mt. Oso is 'Ospital Canyon accessed from Fink Road off Highway 132.
18	Recreation	Central Valley project completely ignores expanding parks for the fastest growing aspect of recreation, OHV use. Why have you not included the expansion and creation of SVRA's in your project summary? Please add the creation and enlargement of SVRA's to this project.
19	Recreation	Add the creation and enlargement of State Vehicle Recreation Areas to the Central Valley Vision project.

20	Recreation	There needs to be ample plans for recreation in the Central Valley. We need to maintain and upgrade what exists and provide easily accessible parks for the future generations. If Americans promote a culture of eating poorly, they need access to public places for exercise. This exercise provides a healthier lifestyle, stress reduction, and peace. I know that the developers are anxiously planning to explode the number of homes available in Central Valley. There needs to be a balance. There needs to be accessible recreation.
21	Acquisition	70 acres along Old River in the Mountain House New Town in San Joaquin County.
22	Recreation	Supports off road vehicle use/access for future park sites.
23	Acquisition	We own and farm 92.5 acres adjacent to Highway 99 north of Manteca. If we feel we meet your criteria we will detail our situation in another letter.
24	Acquisition Recreation Natural Resources Cultural Resources	I encourage you to look at areas around the Cosumnes River and Stone Lakes. Much of this area is a nature preserve, unfortunately there is very little recreation opportunities. There are almost no hiking trails and no camping facilities. Now is the time to provide some recreation facilities – before it is all rooftops!
25	Acquisition Natural Resources Cultural Resources	In the northern-most corner of Merced County, environmentalist John Muir lived and wrote for 1 and a half years, a time of fertile speculation about his later studies and work in conservation and the natural world. This landscape is one of rolling hills and small drainages, and is basically untouched by development. It is teeming with vernal pools, wildlife and historic and pre-historic human artifacts. It is worth saving, if any place is.
26	Acquisition Natural Resources	48,000 acres of “no man’s land” along the Kings river south of Kingsburg and downstream to Riverdale. Riparian habitat being threatened with development.
27	Acquisition Natural Resources	Del Puerto Canyon is an undeniably unique natural feature that is unlike any other in the State and should be preserved. The Packard Foundation, through the efforts of the Nature Conservancy has been able to set aside about 50,000 acres through the purchase of land and placement of permanent conservation easements. Some of it is adjacent to Henry Coe State Park. This effort provides a corridor for the endangered CA Kit Fox to migrate through the foothills. The Del Puerto Canyon area is very close to this area and represents an outstanding opportunity for future park bond funds.
28		Central Valley residents must speak out on parkland preservation. Now is the time to decide – before developers buy it all up.
29	Acquisition Recreation Natural Resources	I am very concerned about preserving land along the Stanislaus River. No development should be allowed near the Stanislaus River. The Stanislaus River is truly one of the most beautiful wild rivers in all of California. It is well suited for preservation because of its natural beauty and historical significance. The City of Ripon and Stanislaus County both had foresight in their partnering to build a bicycle bridge across the river for the enjoyment of the community, other recreational facilities are needed, camp grounds, eco-trails and small boat/raft launch ramps are just some things that come to mind.
30		The State needs to put its thinking into population stabilization (reduction); and moving from an economic model of growth to one of sustainability that does not require loss of non-human habitat and agriculture acreage.
31	Natural Resources	Suggesting State Parks preserve Grassland Wetlands within the Pacific Flyway (110,000 acres).
32	Acquisition Natural Resources	The Kern River Parkway runs the length of the lower Kern, from the mouth of the Kern River canyon, west through town. We hope to anchor the project at the Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area and near the Tupman Elk Preserve. We urge you to consider a significant expansion of the BVARA site and importantly, to re-establish the old Buena Vista Lake as an important ecological preserve.
33	Acquisition Recreation	Would like to donate a 7 acre parcel along the Merced River just west of the Santa Fe RR bridge north of Cressey in Merced County. We are hopeful that though the acreage is not large, it is still big enough for many riverside recreational activities that would alleviate some of the tremendous needs.
34	Acquisition	Concerned with the lack of park lands in Stanislaus County. Such land acquisitions should be a priority, especially for our county. We are sorely lacking parks and hiking trails.
35		Who will pay for park lands?

36	Acquisition	Would like to partner with DPR on focusing in the approximately 500,000 acre Primary Zone of the Delta (Delta Meadows is only developed SRA). Consider expanding recreation features for access and recreation. Delta Protection Commission will commit funds to develop plans and construct facilities on Department-owned lands.
37		Will State Parks plan to conduct a similar study on the California Coast? If so, POST interested in participating.
38	Acquisition Recreation Natural Resources	Any prospect of DPR having interest in exploring feasibility of having Delta Aquarium and Wildlands complex in collaboration with DFG, DWR, or private sector (perhaps by Delta Meadows or Frank's Tract)?
39	Acquisition Recreation	Thank you CA State Parks for this long needed look at the State parks needs and opportunities in the great Central Valley. A park with camping in the Sutter Buttes is a great first move. River oriented site featuring the Sacramento, San Joaquin and American Rivers are also needed. How about partnering with the County and City of Sacramento on a large urban park encompassing the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers. Such a park exists as a state park in Indianapolis and might be a model for us.
40	Acquisition	Consider lands along the Sacramento River, San Joaquin River and Delta area.
41	Acquisition	Suggests acquiring lands adjacent to existing public lands thus creating a larger park area and maximizing the habitat conserved. In Dunnigan Hills, consider the eastern slope of Cortina Ridge, near Sand Creek. The site has significant native American and early American cultural sites. Also acquire land adjacent to BLM managed land located along Blue Ridge, between Winters and Esparto in western Yolo County. Land near the Fremont Weir State Wildlife Area, near Knight's Landing, land within the Capay Hills, north of Capay and additional acquisitions to Peace Valley.
42		Requests that they be included in discussions or opportunities pertaining to funding or acquisition of parks, recreation and open spaces in South Sacramento County, along the Cosumnes River, in the city limits, and elsewhere.
43	Acquisition	Suggesting State Parks partner with the City of West Sacramento to develop 43 acres at the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers.
44	Acquisition Natural Resources	Suggesting south and east shore of Tulare Lake (Atwell Island, Skull Island and Dudley Ridge) as "Ancient Valley" property candidate. Area is adjacent to Allensworth State Park.
45		Encourages CVV team to consider outreach meeting in Tehama or Shasta County. Shasta Lake
46	Cultural Landscapes	Include Great Depression "Grapes of Wrath" trail; encourage easements as buffers as good symbiotic opportunities; Cache Creek and Indian Reservoir in Yolo County.
47	Acquisition	Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area as an integral part of the community. Suggesting Battle Creek to Colusa to the Colusa Subreach Planning Project. Strongly encourages communication between the Vision planning staff and the Colusa Subreach Project to determine areas of potential joint planning.
48	Acquisition	Is suggesting Prospect Island (owned by the Bureau of Reclamation) in the Delta.
49		I coordinate a service-learning taskforce in Madera County that is interested in using a local watershed (San Joaquin River) as a lab which students can undertake hands-on community service projects.
50		Is working to get directional signage for wineries along highways 5, 99, 12 and 88. Signs will enhance the whole image of the central valley corridor.
51	Acquisition	Supports future acquisitions in at the Sutter Buttes. Additional acquisitions are needed to protect the valley's other unique landscape and natural values. Many gaps exist in preserving areas in the valley.
52	Cultural Landscapes	Suggesting historical Humboldt Road (wagon ruts and rock wall).between Bruce Road and Highway 32.
53		Need for less land acquisition and more maintenance of existing park lands; more joint partnerships between tribes; cooperative agreements and conservation easements as a way to preserve connectivity of lands in the Central Valley.
54		More funding/long term leases to tribal groups for management, restoration or interpretation and easement acquisition with the state actions going through a CEQA process; Acquire view sheds, i.e., mountain tops.
55	Recreation	Sacramento River access – Knight's Landing to Red Bluff. Suggesting specific locations for public ramps and potential park

	Acquisition	<p>locations.</p> <p>River Mile 90: Knight's Landing, public ramp (scheduled; needed)</p> <p>River Mile 120: River Bend, public ramp closed most of the year</p> <p>Acquire 20+ acres for property for car/trailer parking, picnic and camping</p> <p>River Mile 134: Highway 20 at Meridian</p> <p>River Mile 144: Colusa SRA, public ramp closed during low water; replace ramp (under study)</p> <p>River Mile 169: Butte City, public ramp closed most of the year, replace ramp.</p> <p>River Mile 184: Ord Bend, public ramp</p> <p>River Mile 199: Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park, public ramp</p> <p>River Mile 218: Woodson Bridge, public ramp</p> <p>River Mile 229: Tehama (constructed)</p> <p>River Mile 242: Red Bluff, public ramp</p>
56	Acquisition	BLM management map along the Sacramento River (north of Red Bluff) submitted.
57		The Tehama County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution supporting the designation of about 17,000 acres of public land north of Red Bluff as a National Recreation Area. These lands are located near the Ide Adobe Historic Park. BLM has actively acquired private lands and consolidated important holdings near the community of Bend (Tehama County).